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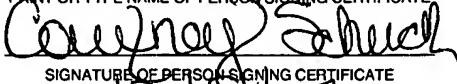
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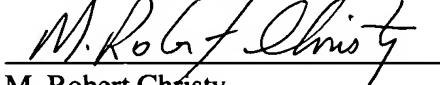
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STATUS REQUEST

In view of the length of time which has elapsed since the last action, Applicant(s) hereby request to be informed as to the status of the above-identified application.

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